

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 68, 138 and 142-186 are pending in the instant application. Claims 68, 138, 142, and 144 have been amended. Claim 143 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 68, 138, 142, and 144-186 will remain pending upon entry of the instant amendments.

Claims 68, 138, and 142 have been amended to recite the limitation of claim 143, previously indicated by the Examiner as allowable subject matter. Claim 144 has been amended to adjust the recited dependency, reflecting the cancellation of claim 143. Support for the amendment to claims 68, 138, 142, and 144 may be found at least, for example, in the specification and in claims 68, 138, 142, and 144 as originally filed. *No new matter has been added.*

Amendment and cancellation of the claims at any time during the prosecution of this application are not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the objections/rejections set forth in the instant Office Action or any previous Office Action, and are done solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants submit that claims were not added or amended during the prosecution of the instant application for reasons related to patentability. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed, or similar claims, in this or one or more subsequent patent applications.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103***Rejection of Claims 68, 138, 142, and 145 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

Claims 68, 138, 142, and 145 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abdul-Ghani *et al.*, Brain Research (1996). In particular, the instant Office Action suggests, on page 2, that the reference “teaches [a] 3-aminopropylarsonate compound ...,” structural analogs of which “would have been suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art.” Applicants respectfully disagree with this analysis for the reasons of record. However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 68, 138, and 142 to recite the limitation of claim 143 (and have correspondingly

cancelled claim 143 and amended claim 144 to adjust the recited dependency), previously indicated by the Examiner as allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 68, 138, 142, and 145 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been rendered moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 68, 138, 142, and 145 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and favorable reconsideration.

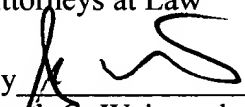
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks/arguments presented, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of this application with all pending claims are respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' agent would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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